

WHY HASN'T GOD ANSWERED MY PRAYER?

Questions I've Wanted to Ask God - Part 2

Job 30:20 (GN) "I call to you, O God, but you never answer; and when I pray, you pay no attention."

I. THREE WAYS GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you..."

Sometimes God says, _____.

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II. THREE REASONS GOD SAYS "NO".

1. God has a _____.

Hebrews 4:13 (LB) "He knows about everyone, everywhere. Everything about us is bare and wide open to the all-seeing eyes of our living God; nothing can be hidden from Him ..."'

Proverbs 2:8 "(God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones."

2. God has a _____.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, my ways, declares the Lord. ...My ways are higher than your ways ..."

Hebrews 11:39-40 "These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better ..."

3. God has a _____.

Isaiah 46:10b "(God says) My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please."

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 "Therefore we do not lose heart ... For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal!"

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 "To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassing revelations there was given to me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away, but God said to me, `My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That's why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and difficulties. For when I am weak, I am strong.'"

Two things to remember when God says No to your prayers:

1. Everything God does, _____.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all thing God works for the good of those who love God ..."

Psalm 25:10 "All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful."

2. God always gives us _____.

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How do you and I respond when God says No?

1. You can _____.

2. You can _____.

3. You can _____.